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9. (Canceled)
10. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 7, wherein said mechanical control system comprises a recipe containing instructions for each assay.
11. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 7, wherein said mechanical control system comprises a chronicle which stores test history information pertaining to each assay.
12. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 7, wherein said object-orient features of said mechanical control system include the feature of hiding the real-time features in a subsystem base class.
13. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 7, wherein said object-orient features of said mechanical control system include the feature of causing actions to be performed on specific vessels at specific times.
14. (Previously presented) The apparatus as defined in claim 7, wherein said real-time features of said mechanical control system include the feature of satisfying the requirement that certain actions of one or more subsystems of said apparatus must occur at a specific time in order for said apparatus to function correctly.
- 15-26. (Canceled)